

# 112 BODIES RECOVERED FROM THE KNECKERBOCKER THEATRE

## Bodies of 92 of the Victims Have Been Identified—More Than a Hundred Others Are Known to Have Been Injured When Weight of Snow Caused Collapse of Roof on Steel and Concrete Motion Picture Theatre in Washington—Crash Came While the Orchestra Was Playing and a Comedy Film Was Being Screened—About 350 Persons Were in Attendance—Details of the Catastrophe Given by a Survivor.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(By the A. P.)—The list of known dead in the Knickerbocker theatre disaster was brought to 112 tonight when a canvass of the city hospitals and of the emergency medical stations established to care for the victims included all the bodies recovered from the ruins of the theatre, where last night in the midst of the showing of a rollicking comedy film the roof collapsed on between 200 and 300 persons.

The list of injured totaled 124 tonight and of these 14 were recorded as having suffered serious hurts. Caught beneath the falling beams which had been piled up as a ravine support for the roof, scores were taken to hospitals suffering with broken limbs or severe internal injuries. Many were given emergency medical attention at improvised stations hastily erected near the scene of the disaster.

The Knickerbocker, one of the newest and largest of the capital's motion picture houses, was taken as one of the most exclusive drawing its patronage from the northwest residential section in the vicinity of upper Connecticut avenue. Family groups gathered last night to watch the showing of a rollicking comedy and it was upon them that the roof, struck by tons of wet snow, descended with a crash that was heard in the entire audience and only one person was found who had become aware of impending doom in time to reach an exit. A number of others worked their way to safety through small openings in the wreckage.

The large majority of the victims, both killed and injured, were residents of this city, although many came recently from other places. Exploration of the ruins after the snow had been cleared away, in charge followed by additional bodies would be found. Without regard to their own risk, soldiers, marines, sailors, police, firemen and citizens, all helped to search for the wreckage and to clear away the debris.

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There had been no time as yet for official inquiry as to the cause of the disaster. The ruins themselves disclose, however, that the roof was not properly supported. The steel and concrete span of the roof collapsed and fell under its three-foot load of snow probably never will be known.

The building stands in an acute-angled corner at the intersection of Connecticut avenue and the main thoroughfare of the city. The narrow north side of the street is a straight line for some 200 feet from the back wall of the theatre to the main floor. The main floor is a straight line for some 200 feet from the back wall of the theatre to the main floor.

This whole space stood roofless to the street at the moment of the disaster. The sound of the breaking roof gave warning above the music of the orchestra. There is only one survivor whose face was not covered in blood. The main floor was a mass of wreckage and the main floor was a mass of wreckage.

At the point they had chosen the danger seemed to be just double. Few of those seated there could have escaped. Even if the falling concrete slabs and wreckage of the roof missed them, the crowd mass of wreckage and the main floor was a mass of wreckage.

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# CABLED PARAGRAPHS

## Shackleton, British Explorer, is Dead

End Came January 5 Aboard Antarctic Bound Steamship Quest.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British explorer, died January 5 on the steamship Quest, on which he was making another expedition into the Antarctic regions. Death was due to angina pectoris and occurred while the Quest was off the Grifonek station.

The body was brought to Montevideo on board a Norwegian steamer and will be taken by another steamship to Europe. Captain L. Pusey of the Quest will accompany the body home.

Sir Ernest Shackleton was born in 1874. He was a member of the British national antarctic expedition in 1901, and in 1907-09 commanded an expedition which took him to within 97 miles of the South Pole. He made his third quest of the pole in 1914.

The expedition in which he was engaged when he died was to have covered 20,000 miles on what was to have been a two year voyage. Exploration of a purified forest and the location of the "lost" island, Fanning, the adjacent waters of which had not been sailed for more than 30 years, were objects of the expedition. Also soundings were to be taken of the ocean plateau surrounding Gough Island, in an effort to determine the truth regarding a supposed underwater continental connection between Africa and America.

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# Conclave of Cardinals To Open Thursday

## It is Expected That the 261st Pontiff Will Be Elected by Next Saturday.

Rome, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—The 261st pontiff of the Roman church will be elected by Saturday next, according to the consensus of opinion as expressed by those here with the cardinals attached to the conclave. They expect the decision will be reached in the third or fourth ballot. The conclave opens on Thursday, and from present indications the work of electing a new pope will be carried on expeditiously.

"I do not anticipate a sharply drawn contest, which some predict," said a prominent French cardinal today. "Although there are naturally divergent views among the cardinals, these differences are not irreconcilable, and I am confident that the Sacred College will be able to agree upon the successor of Benedict in a relatively short time."

A prominent English prelate, who asked that his name be withheld, declared it was not his duty to elect a foreign cardinal, and that would lead to disappointment and dissatisfaction among countries like the United States, America, and France, all of whom probably felt that they merited high office, whereas the selection of an Italian would be accessible to all.

This French official expressed the opinion that the new pope would continue to observe the complete independence and dignity of the Vatican. He added: "The Vatican should be neither the subject nor the guest of any government, but should be scrupulously neutral and unhampered."

He declared, would attempt to exercise the right to veto the conclave's choice, which these countries have heretofore enjoyed.

Two girls found sleeping. Unharned, beneath debris. Washington, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—Sleeping peacefully beneath the debris in the wrecked Knickerbocker theatre, two girls were found about four and six feet from the roof, which had fallen in.

Apparently neither of the children was injured. They were taken to a hospital without identification. Four hours earlier a five-year-old girl was found, unharmed, seated between the bodies of the two women who were killed by the falling roof.

The last person to be taken from the ruins was Dr. Scott Montgomery of Washington, who was rescued twelve hours after the roof collapsed. He was pinned by his own body, which had been killed by the young woman whom he had escorted to the theatre. The beam of the structure of the balcony had broken down and he was in the jam above him. It took hours to assemble the hydraulic jacks from the navy yard, which were the only things adequate to lift the heavy weight the necessary distance to free him.

Physicians plied him with restoratives during the night, but his condition was extremely serious when he was taken out of the building.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—President Harding issued the following statement late today on the Knickerbocker theatre disaster: "I have experienced the same astounding shock and the same inexpressible sorrow which has come to all of Washington tonight. The disaster is a tragedy of the first magnitude. I am deeply distressed at all the suffering which has resulted in the wounding of so many and the death of so many. I am deeply distressed at all the suffering which has resulted in the wounding of so many and the death of so many."

Washington, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—The state police are investigating a mysterious night which resulted in the wounding of two men. Mark Hewitt, who lives in a shack on the William Grady farm, was arrested late today and is held in connection with the shooting of a suspicious person.

James Sargent and John Johnson, the wounded men, have been living with Hewitt in a shack for the past ten days. Hewitt, who was shot, had crawled under a bunk and was not hit. Sargent and Johnson were not hit.

At daylight the two wounded men, assisted by Hewitt, made their way to the Grady residence, two miles away. The wounded men were brought to hospital here and the Rockville police called the state police into the case. Johnson's condition was said to be serious.

After several hours of investigation the state police arrested Hewitt on suspicion. It was said he will be questioned tomorrow.

Mercier says next pope is certain to be Italian. Rome, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—The next pope is certain to be an Italian, according to a statement made today by Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, to The Associated Press.

# Middle Atlantic States Under Two Feet of Snow

## Center of Storm Was Washington, D. C.—Heavy Snowfall Made the Streets Almost Impassable—Deliveries of Foodstuffs Were Greatly Curtailed—Heavy Seas Were Experienced Along the Water Fronts of the Hampton Roads District—A 42 Mile Gale, With Dense Mist of Snow and Sleet, Made Navigation Hazardous.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Buried under from one to more than two feet of snow by one of the most severe storms in several decades the Middle Atlantic section of the country spent Sunday in violent but mostly vain efforts to resume the activities suspended Friday night when the storm swept up from the south.

The storm, described by the weather bureau as the worst in twenty-three years, had its center over the Chesapeake Bay, east of Cape Cod, and was moving slowly over the ocean, but in its wake from North Carolina to Southern New England and from the coast to the Allegheny mountains all was buried under a snow blanket.

Washington as the center of the storm and suffered the most severely—a toll of nearly a hundred lives having been taken and more than a hundred injured, some of whom may be added to the general death toll. The loss of life in the capital with one or two exceptions was due to the collapse of the roof of a motion picture theatre under the weight of twenty-six inches of snow and this catastrophe accounted for most of the injuries. Even aside from the theatre disaster the capital was a scene of confusion and suffering. Deliveries of foodstuffs from the city without any interruption falling a few hours after midnight it was not until long after day had dawned that the full effect was assessed. Payroll from the city without any interruption falling a few hours after midnight it was not until long after day had dawned that the full effect was assessed.

But for \$100,000 brought by Frank P. Sullivan, former showman, against Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, has been settled out of court.

A carrier pigeon which was released in Madison Square Garden, New York, bearing a note for Mr. Warren G. Harding, was found in a humber yard at Liberty Park, N. J., exhausted by the cold.

Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has stopped off at the Vatican to Rome to attend the conclave of the sacred college, and is said to be suffering from an attack of influenza.

Construction of a reservoir of four hundred billion gallons capacity on the Ware river at Rhinecliff is proposed as necessary to insure an adequate water supply for Boston.

The Cunard freighter Nellie, which left London on January 29 for Boston, has broken down at sea and is being towed to London in tow of another steamer.

The number of stray dogs throughout Massachusetts has become so great as to cause a situation characterized as "very serious" by William M. L. Lazely, commissioner of conservation.

Joseph J. Lynam, former ensign and paymaster of the U. S. cruiser Chester, was sentenced to serve five years in the Plymouth Jail Saturday. A federal jury in Boston found him guilty of embezzling \$21,000 of government funds.

Judge Crosby in supreme court at Boston announced the appointment of Fred M. Lamson of Marshfield, William R. McKenna of Cambridge and James E. Fenton of Boston as trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society.

Two men attacked John Doherty, carrying the \$2575 payroll of the S. M. How company, at a factory in New York. The men were arrested and the payroll was recovered.

The request of the Bolivian government for representation in the forthcoming treaty of Ancon conferences in Washington between Peru and Chile has been refused with regret by President Harding.

Spectators came from miles around to watch United States marshals pour 120,000 gallons of whiskey and seven barrels of wine into the gutters at Union Hill, N. J. The whiskey was seized at Jersey City, Hoboken and Union Hill.

Isaac White, a former policeman, returned to Detroit after being married with scant food supplies and shelter for 42 days, on a small island in the Upper Detroit river. He was rescued by Neil Nelson, after a three-day trip of two and one-half miles over the ice floes.

Nine clergymen and laymen have been appointed by the world alliance for international friendship through churches to make a study of labor conditions and their relation to religious life in the United States and the principal countries of Europe.

Train service over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, in Manhattan and the Bronx, and as far east as New Rochelle, was tied up Saturday night by a fire that destroyed the administrative offices of the New York City and Hudson River Railroad at 122nd street and the Bronx.

Instructions from Tokyo for Japanese delegation. Washington, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—Further instructions from Tokyo to the Japanese delegation brought a final agreement on the five-power naval treaty one step nearer today, while moves were developed that seemed to insure within a few days a final decision in the Shantung controversy.

The exact nature of the Tokyo communication was not disclosed, but it was understood to accept with one or two reservations, the language of the fortification article, which is the only portion of the naval treaty remaining in complete. The Japanese government is said to have approved definitely the plan for listing by name the Pacific islands which are not to be further fortified, but the reply is in such form that some further discussion will be necessary.

In the Shantung negotiations there is increasing pressure being brought to bear for a settlement. The prediction heard almost everywhere in conference circles was that a day or two more would tell the story, with the odds favoring acceptance of the settlement plan supported by President Harding.

500 ARRESTS RESULT FROM DISORDERS IN CALCUTTA. Calcutta, India, Jan. 29.—Five hundred persons were arrested today after the police and Gurkhas, armed with rifles, had charged through a barrage of bricks, stones and other missiles in order to disperse a large crowd of persons held by members of the non-co-operative society. Many persons on both sides were injured.

FLAGS IN CONSTANTINOPLE HALF-MASTED FOR POPE. Constantinople, Jan. 29.—(By The A. P.)—Contrary to established regulations, the council of ministers ordered the half-masting of Turkish flags on all public buildings in honor of the late Pope Benedict. This was the first occasion in Turkish history that the Ottoman government officially taking part in mourning for the death of a Christian or foreign sovereign.

Zaghlul Pasha, the notorious Egyptian fire-brand, who has been arrested by the military for refusing to leave Cairo and to refrain from all political activity.